# Michigan Department of Treasury 496 (02/06) Auditing Procedures Report

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We a	are ce	ertifie	d public ac	countants	licensed to p	ractice in	Michigan.				
					erial, "no" resp ments and rec			sed in the financial	statements, includi	ing the notes, or in the	
	S Check each applicable box below. (See instructions for further detail.)										
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2.	×							unit's unreserved fu budget for expendit	ind balances/unrest ures.	ricted net assets	
3.		X	The local	unit is in	compliance wit	h the Uni	form Chart of	Accounts issued by	the Department of	Treasury.	
4.	X		The local	unit has a	adopted a budo	get for all	required funds				
5.	X		A public h	earing on	the budget wa	as held in	accordance w	rith State statute.			
6.	X				not violated the ssued by the L				nder the Emergency	/ Municipal Loan Act, or	
7.	X		The local	unit has r	not been delind	quent in d	listributing tax	revenues that were	collected for anothe	er taxing unit.	
8.	X		The local	unit only	holds deposits/	investmer	nts that comp	y with statutory req	uirements.		
9.	X		The local unit has no illegal or unauthorized expenditures that came to our attention as defined in the <i>Bulletin for Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan</i> , as revised (see Appendix H of Bulletin).						in the Bulletin for		
10.	There are no indications of defalcation, fraud or embezzlement, which came to our attention during the course of our audit that have not been previously communicated to the Local Audit and Finance Division (LAFD). If there is such activity that has not been communicated, please submit a separate report under separate cover.										
11.		X	The local	unit is fre	e of repeated of	comments	s from previous	s years.			
12.	X		The audit	opinion is	UNQUALIFIE	D.					
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14.	X		The board	d or cound	cil approves all	invoices	prior to payme	ent as required by c	harter or statute.		
15.	X		To our kn	owledge,	bank reconcilia	ations tha	t were reviewe	ed were performed	timely.		
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# HOLTON TOWNSHIP MUSKEGON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2007

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#### **Board Members**

Mickey Noble
Supervisor
William Halbower
Treasurer
Melanie Johnson
Clerk
Anita Kittle
Trustee
Alan Wilson
Trustee

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Township Board Holton Township Muskegon County Holton, Michigan

#### Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Holton Township as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Townships' management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free from material misstatement. An audit includes examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Holton Township, Michigan as of June 30, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 5 and 24 through 26, are not a required part of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

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Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Holton Township, Michigan's basic financial statements. The introductory section, combining and individual non major fund statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining and individual non major fund financial statements have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The introductory section has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Hendon & Slate, P.C.

Hendon & Slate

Certified Public Accountants

October 31, 2007

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

#### **Using this Annual Report**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Governmental Wide Statement of Net Assets and the Government Wide Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the Township as a whole and present a longer-term view of the Township's finances. Fund financial statements tell how these services were financed in the short-term, as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the Township's operations in more detail than the government-wide financial statements.

#### The Township as a Whole

The Township's combined net assets increased 8.9% from a year ago - increasing from \$1.28 million to \$1.39 million. The dollar amount of this increase is comparable to prior years and due mainly to additional investment in capital assets, reduction in overall long term debt, and a decrease in Township expenses during the year.

	Governme	ental	
	 Activit	ies	
	<u>2007</u>		2006
Current Assets Noncurrent Assets	\$ 902,396 559,709	\$	844,089 535,774
Total Assets	\$ 1,462,105	\$	1,379,863
Long-Term Debt Outstanding	\$ 41,111	\$	68,462
Other Liabilities	 26,821		31,626
Total Liabilities	\$ 67,932	\$	100,088
Net Assets			
Invested in Capital Assets-Net of Debt	\$ 518,598	\$	467,312
Restricted	35,200		48,554
Unrestricted	 840,375		763,909
Total Net Assets	\$ 1,394,173	\$_	1,279,775

Unrestricted net assets - the part of net assets that can be used to finance day to day operating, increased by \$76,466 for the governmental activities. This represents an increase of approximately 10%.

	 Acti	vities	
	<u>2007</u>		<u>2006</u>
Program Revenues			
Charges for Services	\$ 81,402	\$	82,606
General Revenues			
Property Taxes	199,153		192,846
State Shared Revenues	191,980		194,733
Federal Revenues	1,270		1,373
Investment Earnings	35,160		20,028
Miscellaneous	 29,311		32,097
Total Revenues	\$ 538,276	\$	523,683
Program Expenses			
General Government	209,883		213,592
Public Safety	137,612		146,008
Public Works	43,496		68,841
Community/Economic Development	7,667		7,820
Recreation and Culture	6,374		12,938
Other	15,672		15,238
Unallocated Depreciation	-		13,473
Interest on Long-Term Debt	 3,174		3,530
Total Expenses	 423,878		481,440
Change in Net Assets	\$ 114,398	\$	42,243

The Township's total net assets continue to remain healthy. The total revenues increased by approximately 3% while expenses decreased by nearly 12%. As a result, net assets grew by \$114,398, \$72,155 more than last year.

#### **Governmental Activities**

The Township's total governmental revenues increased by \$38,694. The following revenues saw the largest increases: Property taxes increased by \$6,307 or 3.2% and interest increased by \$15,132 or 75.6%.

Expenses decreased by \$53,411 over the prior year, partially due to road work not done in current year and less capital outlay in the current year.

#### **Business-Type Activities**

The Township had no business type activities.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

#### The Township's Fund

Our analysis of the Township's major funds follows the entity wide financial statements. The fund financial statements provide detail information about the most significant funds, not the Township as a whole. The Township Board creates funds to help manage money for specific purposes as well as to show accountability for certain activities, such as special property tax millages. The Township's major funds for 2007 include the General Fund, the Fire Fund, and the Fire Equipment Fund.

#### **General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

Over the course of the year, the Township Board did not find it necessary to amend the budget to take into account events during the year. However, the Board did have immaterial over-expenditures on several activities as reported in the notes to the financial statements.

#### **Capital Asset and Debt Administration**

At the end of 2006, the Township had \$889,962 invested in a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings, fire trucks and equipment, and other vehicles and equipment. In addition, the Township has invested significantly in roads within the Township. These assets are not reported in the township's financial statements because of Michigan law, which makes these roads property of the Muskegon County Road Commission (along with the responsibility to maintain them).

#### **Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates**

The Township's budget for 2008 calls for stagnant property taxes due to the limited allowed property value increases (the lesser of inflation or 5%). The Township also projects that state shared revenue will decrease slightly. General Fund expenditures were budgeted for 39% increase from the previous budget, the majority of which is for addition of park trails and cemetery development.

#### **Contacting the Township's Management**

This financial report is intended to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers and investors with a general overview of the Township's finances and to show the Township's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, we welcome you to contact the clerk's office.

# Government Wide Statement on Net Assets June 30, 2007

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash and Investments	\$ 855,340
Accounts Receivable	32,226
Accounts Receivable-Fiduciary Funds	5,235
Prepaid Insurance	9,595
Property and Equipment	889,962
Accumulated Depreciation	(330,253)
Total Assets	1,462,105
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	10,745
Accrued Wages	9,649
Withheld and Accrued Payroll Taxes	4,501
Accrued Pension Costs	1,926
Capital Lease - Copier	1,828
Note Payable - Rescue Van	3,431
Note Payable - Fire Truck	35,852
Total Liabilities	67,932
NET ASSETS	
Invested in Capital Assets	
Net of Related Debt	518,598
Restricted for Perpetual Care	35,200
Unrestricted	840,375
Total Net Assets	\$ 1,394,173

Government Wide Statement of Activities For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

Functions/Programs	ī	Expenses	<u>R</u> c Cha	rogram evenues arges for ervices	and Chang	penses) Revenue ges in Net Assets rernmental
Primary Government	1	ZAPCHSCS		crvices		etritics
General Government	\$	209,883	\$	51,402	\$	(158,481)
Public Safety	Ψ	137,612	Ψ	30,000	Ψ	(107,612)
Public Works		43,496		-		(43,496)
Community/Economic Development		7,667		_		(7,667)
Recreation and Culture		6,374		_		(6,374)
Capital Outlay		15,672		_		(15,672)
Interest on Long-Term Debt		3,174		_		(3,174)
Total Primary Government	\$	423,878	\$	81,402		(342,476)
General Revenues Property Taxe Property Taxe State Sources Federal Source	es - es -			•		71,447 127,706 191,980 1,270
Interest and R						35,160
Miscellaneous		•				29,311
Total Genera	1 R	evenues				456,874
Change in Net Ass	sets					114,398
Net Assets - July 1	1, 20	006				1,279,775
Net Assets - June 2	30,	2007			\$	1,394,173

# Governmental Fund Balance Sheet June 30, 2007

	General Fund	Fire Fund	Fire Equipment Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS  Cash and Investments Accounts Receivable Due from Other Funds  Total Assets	\$ 458,194 32,226 6,167 \$ 496,587	\$ 221,189 - - - \$ 221,189	\$ 92,852 - - \$ 92,852	\$ 83,105 - 1,125 \$ 84,230	\$ 855,340 32,226 7,292 \$ 894,858
LIABILITIES Accounts Payable	\$ 10,745	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,745
Withheld and Accrued Payroll Taxes Accrued Pension Costs Accrued Wages Due to Other Funds	3,878 706 7,776	599 1,220 1,748	- - -	24 - 125	4,501 1,926 9,649
Total Liabilities	1,125 24,230	3,567	-	932 1,081	2,057 28,878
FUND BALANCES Unreserved Reserved Total Fund Balances	472,357	217,622  217,622	92,852	47,949 35,200 83,149	830,780 35,200 865,980
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 496,587	\$ 221,189	\$ 92,852	\$ 84,230	\$ 894,858

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an Integral Part of this Statement.

# Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Assets For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$ 865,980
Total net assets reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different from the amount reported as total governmental funds fund balance because:	
Prepaid Insurance reflects amounts that will be used in a future period.	9,595
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the fund statements. Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets:	
Governmental Capital Asset	889,962
Governmental Accumulated Depreciation	(330,253)
Long-term liabilities, including notes payable, are not due in the current period and therefore are not reported in the fund statements. Long-term liabilities reported in the statement of net assets that are not reported in the funds balance sheet are:	
General Obligation Debt	(41,111)
Total Net Assets - Governmental Activities:	\$ 1,394,173

Governmental Fund Statements of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

DEXZENHIEC	General Fund	Fire Fund	Fire Equipment Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES	Ф 71 447	Ф 04.600	Φ 22.007	φ.	ф. 100 152
Property Taxes	\$ 71,447	\$ 94,620	\$ 33,086	\$ -	\$ 199,153
Licenses and Permits	19,544	-	-	1 105	19,544
State Sources	190,855	-	-	1,125	191,980
Federal Sources	1,270	-	-	-	1,270
Charges for Services	31,858	30,000	-	-	61,858
Interest and Rents	20,180	8,354	3,029	3,597	35,160
Refunds and Reimbursements	23,902	-	-	-	23,902
Other	1,118	211		4,080	5,409
Total Revenues	360,174	133,185	36,115	8,802	538,276
EXPENDITURES					
General Government	204,870	-	-	-	204,870
Public Safety	19,759	92,644	-	2,076	114,479
Public Works	32,642	-	-	4,838	37,480
Community and Economic Development	7,667	-	_	-	7,667
Recreation and Culture	3,726	-	-	-	3,726
Capital Outlay	66,308	9,917	_	-	76,225
Debt Service	2,076	<u>-</u>	28,449		30,525
Total Expenditures	337,048	102,561	28,449	6,914	474,972
Excess Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	23,126	30,624	7,666	1,888	63,304
Fund Balance - July 1, 2006	449,231	186,998	85,186	81,261	802,676
Fund Balance - June 30, 2007	\$ 472,357	\$ 217,622	\$ 92,852	\$ 83,149	\$ 865,980

Reconciliation of Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds		\$ 63,304
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Prepaid Insurance reflects amounts that will be used in a future period.  Current Year Prepaid Insurance  Prior Year Prepaid Insurance	9,595 (9,787)	(192)
The acquisition of capital assets are reported in the governmental funds as expenditures. However, for governmental activities those costs are shown in the statement of net assets and allocated over their estimated useful lives as annual depreciation expense  Capital outlay reported in governmental fund statements	76,225	
Capital outlay reported as expenses in statement of activities  The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving  capital assets (i.e., sales, trade-ins, and donations) is to  increase (decrease) in assets	(15,672)	
Depreciation expense reported in the statement of activities  Proceeds from debt issues are another financing source in the funds, but a debt issue increases long-term obligation in the statement of net assets.	(36,618)	23,935
Repayment of principal on long-term debt is reported in the governmental funds as an expenditure, but is reported as a reduction in long-term debt in the statement of net assets and does not affect the statement of activities.		
Proceeds from long-term debt reported in governmental fund statements.  The amount of debt principal payments in the current year is:		- 27,351
Changes in Net Assets - Governmental Activities		\$ 114,398

# Statement of Net Assets - Fiduciary Funds June 30, 2007

	Tax Fund	Trust and Agency Fund
ASSETS  Cash and Investments	\$ 4,776	\$ 1,777
LIABILITIES  Due to Other Funds  Due to Other Units  Total Liabilities	4,776 	459 1,318 1,777
NET ASSETS Unreserved	\$ -	\$ -

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

#### NOTE A SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of Holton Township conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the significant policies used by Holton Township.

#### A. Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is a general law township as defined by the laws of the State of Michigan. The Township is governed by a Supervisor and Township Board.

As defined by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) No. 14, the financial reporting entity consists of (1) the primary government, (2) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (3) other organizations for which the primary government is not accountable, but for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The primary government has financial accountability if it:

- 1. Appoints a voting majority of the organization's board, and, has the ability to impose its will on the organization; or
- 2. There is a potential for the component unit to provide certain financial benefits to, or impose certain financial burdens on, the primary government.

Based on this criteria, there are no other entities included in this report.

#### B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment.

Program revenues include: (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment; and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenue.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter is excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

#### C. Measurement Focus, basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized as soon as it is both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be available if it is collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures are generally recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, expenditures relating to compensated absences, and claims and judgments are record only when payment is due.

Revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become susceptible to accrual, that is when they become both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the fiscal period.

#### 1. State Shared Revenue Receivable

State Shared Revenue is distributed in six installments per year. Often the last payment has not been received by June 30; therefore; a receivable is recorded for this amount. For fiscal year-end June 30, 2007, this amount was \$28,830.

#### 2. Property Taxes Receivable

The Township property tax is levied on each December 1st on the taxable valuation of the property (as defined by state statutes) located in the Township as of the preceding December 31st. The taxes are due on September 14th and February 28th. After February 28th they are added to the County tax rolls. The 2006 delinquent taxes of \$32,607 were received by June 2007, thus no taxes receivable has been recorded.

The 2006 taxable valuation of the Township totaled \$48,808,476 on which ad valorem taxes levied consisted of 1.1002 mills for general operating, .6791 mills for fire equipment, and 1.9427 mills for fire operating raising \$71,447 for operating, \$33,086 for fire equipment and \$94,620 for fire operational. The Township also collects property taxes for street lights, the taxable value is \$5,350,000 and the millage rate is .3000 which raised \$1,605. These amounts are recognized in the respective general and special revenue fund financial statements as current tax revenue.

The government reports the following major governmental funds:

The General fund is the government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The Fire fund accounts for the resources of property tax revenue and charges for services that are restricted for fire protection purposes.

The Fire Equipment Fund accounts for property tax revenues that are restricted for the purchase of fire/emergency equipment.

Private-sector standards of accounting issued prior to December 1, 1989, are generally followed in the government-wide financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with the standards of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Amounts reported as program revenue include: (1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services or privileges provided; (2) operating grants and contributions; and (3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenue rather than as program revenue. Likewise, general revenue includes all taxes.

#### D. Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balance

<u>Bank Deposits and Investments</u> - Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with a maturity of three months or less when acquired. Investments are stated at fair value. Pooled investment income is generally allocated to each fund based on the cash balance in each fund.

<u>Receivables and Payables</u> - In general, outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds". Activity between funds that is representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year is referred to as "advances to/from other funds".

<u>Inventories and Prepaid Items</u> - Payments for inventoriable types of supplies are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase. Normally expenditures are not divided between years by the recording of prepaid expenses. There were no material inventories at year end.

<u>Restricted Assets</u> - Cash in the Perpetual Care Fund is restricted. The corpus can not be spent, however income earned from the restricted cash may be used to maintain the cemetery.

<u>Capital Assets</u> - Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$3,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

Property, plant and equipment is depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Buildings	40 to 60 years
Building Improvements	15 to 30 years
Vehicles	3 to 5 years
Office Equipment	5 to 7 years
General Equipment	5 to 10 years
Fire Trucks	15 to 20 years

Salvage value is estimated at 10% of cost

<u>Compensated Absences (Vacation and Sick Leave)</u> - It is the Township's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused sick pay benefits. Vacation benefits do not accumulate. Any unused vacation is paid annually. Sick pay was not accrued at the beginning or end of the year as the amount was immaterial.

<u>Long-Term Obligations</u> - In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities statement of net assets. All Township long-term debt is related to equipment purchases.

<u>Fund Equity</u> - In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

#### NOTE B STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

<u>Budgetary Information</u> - Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for all governmental funds. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year end. The Township approves its originally adopted budget by the end of the current fiscal year. Amendments are approved periodically during the year.

The budget document presents information by fund, activity, and line items. The legal level of budgetary control adopted by the governing body is the activity level.

The Township does not utilize encumbrance accounting.

Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations in Budgeted Funds - During the year, the Local Governmental Unit incurred expenditures in certain budgeted funds which were in excess of the amounts appropriated, as follows:

Budget Item	Budget Appropriation	Actual Expenditures
Fire Fund - Repairs and Maintenance	7,000	9,057
- Utilities	9,000	9,218
General Fund - Public Works		
Transfer Station	35,928	37,012

#### NOTE C DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Michigan Compiled Laws, Section 129.91, authorizes the Township to make deposits and invest in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations which have an office in Michigan. The Township is allowed to invest in bonds, securities and other direct obligations of the United States or any agency or instrumentality of the United States; United States government or federal agency obligations; repurchase agreements; bankers' acceptance of United States banks; commercial paper rated within the two highest classifications which mature not more than 270 days after the date of purchase; obligations of the State of Michigan or its political subdivisions which are rated as investment grade; and mutual funds composed of investment vehicles which are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan.

The Township Board has designated six banks for the deposit of Local Unit funds. The investment policy adopted by the board in accordance with Public Act 196 of 1997 has authorized investment in bonds and securities of the United States government, bank accounts and CD's, bankers' acceptances of United States banks, and mutual funds under the Investment Company Act of 1940, but not the remainder of State statutory authority as listed above.

The Township's deposits and investment policy are in accordance with statutory authority.

The Township's deposits were reported in the basic financial statements in the following categories:

			1 Otta
	Governmenta	Fiduciary	Primary
	Activities	Funds	Government
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 855,340	\$ 6,553	\$ 861,893

The bank balance of the Township's deposits is \$878,356, of which \$385,710 is covered by federal depository insurance, \$3,164 is uninsured and \$489,482 is collateralized with U.S. Treasury securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department in the Township's name.

The Township believes that due to the dollar amounts of cash deposits and the limits of FDIC insurance, it is impractical to insure all bank deposits. As a result, the Township evaluates each financial institution with which it deposits Township funds and assesses the level of risk of each institution; only those institutions with an acceptable estimated risk level are used as depositories.

Investments are normally categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Township; however, cash management funds are not categorized because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. Management believes the investments in the funds comply with the investment authority noted above.

Depositories actively used by the Township during the year are detailed as follows:

- 1. Chemical Bank
- 2. Fifth Third Bank
- 3. Choice One Bank
- 4. National City Bank
- 5. Shelby State Bank
- 6. Huntington Bank

#### NOTE D RECEIVABLES

Receivables as of year-end for the Township's individual major and nonmajor funds, and the fiduciary funds in the aggregate, including the applicable allowances for uncollected accounts, are as follows:

	General	Fire	Fire Equipment	Non-Major and Other	
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Funds	Total
State Shared Revenue Fiduciary Funds	\$ 28,830 5,235	\$ - -	\$ - -	\$ - -	\$ 28,830 5,235
Other Gross Receivables Less: Allowance for Uncollectibles	3,396		<u> </u>	- <del>-</del> _	3,396
Net Receivables	\$ 37,461	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,461

#### NOTE E CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity of the primary government of the current year was as follows:

	Beginning			Ending
Governmental Activities	Balance	Increases	Decreases	Balance
Capital Assets not being depreciated				
Land	\$149,335	\$35,260	\$ -	\$ 184,595
Capital Assets Being Depreciated				
Buildings	135,360	14,004	-	149,364
Land Improvements	70,446	11,289	-	81,735
General Equipment	61,454	-	-	61,454
Fire Equipment	412,814		_	412,814
Subtotal	680,074	25,293	_	705,367

Less Accumulated Depreciation for				
Buildings	43,762	2,685	-	46,447
Land Improvements	4,021	3,512	-	7,533
General Equipment	25,606	7,664	-	33,270
Fire Equipment	220,246	22,757		243,003
Subtotal	293,635	36,618		330,253
Net Capital Assets being depreciated	386,439	(11,325)		375,114
Total Governmental Activities Capital Capital Assets - Net of Depreciation	\$535,774	\$23,935	\$ -	\$ 559,709

Depreciation expense was charged to programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental Activities	
General Government	\$ 4,279
Public Safety	23,675
Public Works	6,016
Recreation & Culture	2,648
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 36,618

# NOTE F INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES, AND TRANSFERS

The composition of interfund balances is as follows:

Receivable Fund (Due From)		Payable Fun (Due To)	d	
General Fund	\$ 6,167	General Fund	\$	1,125
Liquor License	1,125	Fire Equipment Fund		-
Road, Sidewalk, Bridges	-	Perpetual Care Fund		932
Street Light	-	Trust & Agency Fund		459
-		Tax Account		4,776
	\$ 7,292		\$	7,292

**Interfund Transfers** 

	<u>Transfers (Out)</u> <u>General Fund</u>
Transfers In Non-Major Governmental Funds	\$ -
Transfers Out General Fund	\$ -

#### NOTE G LEASES

<u>Capital Leases</u> - The government has entered into a lease agreement as lessee for financing the purchase of copy machines. This lease agreement qualifies as a capital lease for accounting purposes and, therefore, has been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of the inception date. The future minimum lease obligations and the net present value is as follows:

Year Ended	
2008	1,375
2009	573
Total Minimum Lease Payments	1,948
Less: Amounts Representing Interest	(120)
Present Value	\$ 1,828

#### NOTE H LONG-TERM DEBT

The Township entered into an agreement to refurbish a fire truck for \$62,455. Payments of \$3,476,07, including 4.39% interest are due quarterly from July 1, 2005 to August 15, 2004 to April 1, 2010. The loan is collateralized by the truck and the full faith and credit of the Township.

The Township entered into an agreement to purchase equipment for \$27,733. A down payment of \$2,500 was made upon delivery, July 23, 2003, with the balance to be financed over 36 months. Payments of \$700.90, including 9% interest, are due monthly from August 23, 2003 to July 23, 2006. The loan is collateralized by the equipment and the full faith and credit of the Township.

The Township entered into an agreement to purchase a fire rescue van on October 27, 2003 for \$52,895. The full amount is financed over 4 years, with payments of \$3,548.26, including 3.5% interest paid quarterly commencing December 27, 2003 and ending September 27, 2007. The loan is collateralized by the rescue van and the full faith and credit of the Township.

Contractual obligation activity can be summarized as follows:

	Interest	Principal	Beginning	Additions	Ending	Due	Within
<b>Governmental Activities</b>	Rate	Matures	Balances	(Reductions)	Balances	One	Year
Installment Purchase Agreer	nents						
Fire Rescue Van	3.50%	9/27/07	\$ 17,070	(13,639)	\$ 3,431	\$	3,431
Fire Truck	4.39%	4/1/10	47,699	(11,847)	35,852		9,350
Equipment	0.00%	7/23/06	701	(701)			
			\$ 65,470	\$ (26,187)	\$ 39,283	\$	12,781

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the above obligations are as follows:

	Governmental	Activities
Year End June 30	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2008	12,781	1,105
2009	12,953	951
2010	13,549	374_
	\$ 39,283	\$ 2,430

#### NOTE I RISK MANAGEMENT

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets and omissions; and natural disasters for which the Township carries commercial insurance. Liabilities in excess of insurance coverage, if any, are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated.

#### NOTE J EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT AND BENEFIT SYSTEMS

#### Defined Contribution Pension Plan

The Township provides pension benefits to all if its elected officials and full time employees through a defined contribution plan administered by Manufacturers Life Insurance Company. In a defined contribution plan, benefits depend solely on amounts contributed to the plan plus investment earnings. Employees are eligible to participate on August 1st of each year. As established by the Township Board, the plan is funded by participants to the extent they elect to defer their compensation into the plan, and by a matching contribution from the Township. The Township's contributions for each employee (plus interest allocated to the employee's account) are fully vested immediately upon deposit of the contribution by the Township. The Township's current year pension cost was \$5,729. The Township paid \$5,901 during the year, including participant fees. \$3,579 was paid on behalf of the employees in the current year. The contribution is 10% of covered wages, with the Township contributing 50% of the cost and the employees 50%. Covered payroll for the current year is \$103,082; and total payroll of the Township is \$143,724.

#### NOTE K PERMITS

Public Act 245 of 1999 (The Stille-Derossett-Hale Single State Construction Code Act) restricts the use of fees collected under this Act for the operation of the enforcing agency and/or the Construction Board of Appeals effective January 1, 2000. The following is the required accounting for such fees:

Beginning Excess Costs Over Fees Collected	\$ (16,685)
Fees Collected 2007	18,230
Wages, Professional Fees and Other Expenses	(15,133)
Excess Costs Over Fees Collected	\$ (13,588)

# Required Supplementary Information Budgetary Comparison Schedule for the General Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

	Budgeted	Amounts		Variance to	
	Original	<u>Final</u>	Actual	Final Budget	
Beginning Year Fund Balance	\$ 449,231	\$ 449,231	\$ 449,231	\$ -	
Resources (Inflows)					
Property Taxes	67,800	67,800	71,447	3,647	
Licenses and Permits	28,200	27,750	19,544	(8,206)	
State Shared Revenue	195,000	195,000	190,855	(4,145)	
Federal Revenues	-	-	1,270	1,270	
Charges for Services	23,250	23,250	31,858	8,608	
Interest and Rents	24,500	24,500	20,180	(4,320)	
Refunds and Reimbursements	6,000	6,000	23,902	17,902	
Other	9,600	10,050	1,118	(8,932)	
Amounts Available for Appropriation	803,581	803,581	809,405	5,824	
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows)					
General Government	375,409	375,409	246,761	128,648	
Public Safety	32,640	32,640	19,759	12,881	
Public Works	66,428	66,428	37,412	29,016	
Community and Economic Development	18,140	18,140	7,667	10,473	
Recreation and Culture	53,300	57,400	25,449	31,951	
Operating Transfers Out	25,000	25,000		25,000	
Total Charges to Appropriations	570,917	575,017	337,048	237,969	
Budgetary Fund Balance-June 30, 2007	\$ 232,664	\$ 228,564	\$ 472,357	\$ 243,793	

# Required Supplementary Information Budgetary Comparison Schedule for the Fire Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

	Budgeted	Amounts		Variance to
	Original	<u>Final</u>	Actual	Final Budget
Beginning Year Fund Balance	\$ 30,622	\$ 30,622	\$ 186,998	\$ 156,376
Resources (Inflows)				
Property Taxes	88,888	88,888	94,620	5,732
Charges for Services	27,799	27,799	30,000	2,201
Interest	5,000	5,000	8,354	3,354
Other	5,000	5,000	211	(4,789)
Amounts Available for Appropriation	157,309	157,309	320,183	162,874
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows)				
Wages and Fringes	45,000	45,000	36,463	8,537
Supplies	16,000	16,000	4,890	11,110
Contracted Services	5,000	5,000	4,027	973
Professional Services	7,000	7,000	4,812	2,188
Education and Training	4,000	4,000	2,088	1,912
Transportation	5,000	5,000	1,525	3,475
Printing and Publishing	1,000	1,000	503	497
Insurance	18,000	18,000	17,668	332
Utilities	9,000	9,000	9,218	(218)
Repairs and Maintenance	7,000	7,000	9,057	(2,057)
Miscellaneous	10,000	10,000	2,393	7,607
Capital Outlay	25,000	25,000	9,917	15,083
Total Charges to Appropriation	152,000	152,000	102,561	49,439
Budgetary Fund Balance-June 30, 2007	\$ 5,309	\$ 5,309	\$ 217,622	\$ 212,313

# Required Supplementary Information Budgetary Comparison Schedule for the Fire Equipment Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

	Budgeted	Variance to		
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Beginning Year Fund Balance	\$ 4,723	\$ 4,723	\$ 85,186	\$ 80,463
Resources (Inflows)				
Property Taxes	31,060	31,060	33,086	2,026
Interest	1,200	1,200	3,029	1,829
Amounts Available for Appropriation	36,983	36,983	121,301	84,318
Charges to Appropriations				
Debt Service	30,000	30,000	28,449	1,551
Other	5,000	5,000		5,000
Total Charges to Appropriation	35,000	35,000	28,449	6,551
Budgetary Fund Balance-June 30, 2007	\$ 1,983_	\$ 1,983_	\$ 92,852	\$ 90,869

# Combining Balance Sheet Non-Major Governmental Funds June 30, 2007

	Special Revenue Funds									
		Fire blunteer		iquor icense		Street Lights	P	erpetual Care	Gov	Total on-Major ernmental Funds
ASSETS  Cash and Investments  Due from Other Funds	\$	1,200	\$	54 1,125	\$	28,706	\$	53,145	\$	83,105 1,125
Total Assets	\$	1,200	\$	1,179	\$	28,706	\$	53,145	\$	84,230
LIABILITIES AND FUND BA		CES	\$		\$		¢		¢	
Accounts Payable Withheld and Accrued	\$	-	Þ	-	<b>3</b>	-	\$	-	\$	-
Payroll Taxes		-		24		-		-		24
Accrued Wages Due to Other Funds		-		125		-		932		125 932
Total Liabilities		-		149		-		932		1,081
FUND BALANCES										
Fund Balances - Unreserved		1,200		1,030		28,706		17,013		47,949
Fund Balances - Reserved		1,200		1,030		28,706		35,200 52,213		35,200 83,149
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	1,200	\$	1,179	\$	28,706	\$	53,145	\$	84,230

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Non-Major Governmental Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

	Special Revenue Funds									
		Fire lunteer		iquor icense	Street Lights		Perpetual Care		No Gov	Total on-Major ernmental Funds
REVENUES										
State Sources	\$	-	\$	1,125	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,125
Interest		35		15		1,038		2,509		3,597
Other		765		560		1,605		1,150		4,080
Total Revenues		800		1,700		2,643		3,659		8,802
EXPENDITURES										
Public Safety		461		1,615		-		-		2,076
Public Works						4,838		-		4,838
Total Expenditures		461		1,615		4,838				6,914
Excess Revenue Over										
(Under) Expenditures		339		85		(2,195)		3,659		1,888
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Operating Transfers In (Out)										
Operating Transfers in (Out)										
Excess Revenues and Other Fina Sources Over (Under) Expendi	_									
and Other Financing (Uses)		339		85		(2,195)		3,659		1,888
Fund Balance - July 1, 2006		861		945		30,901		48,554		81,261
Fund Balance - June 30, 2007	\$	1,200	\$	1,030	\$	28,706	\$	52,213	\$	83,149

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

	Budget	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES	Budget	Actual	(Olliavorable)
Property Taxes	\$ 67,800	\$ 71,447	\$ 3,647
Licenses and Permits	27,750	19,544	(8,206)
State Shared Revenue	195,000	190,855	(4,145)
Federal Revenues	, -	1,270	1,270
Charges for Services		,	,
Sale of Lots/Burial Fees	3,250	7,200	3,950
Dump Fees	20,000	24,658	4,658
Interest	21,000	16,780	(4,220)
Rentals	3,500	3,400	(100)
Refunds and Rebates	6,000	17,923	11,923
Franchise Fees	4,600	5,979	1,379
Other	5,450	1,118	(4,332)
Total Revenues	354,350	360,174	5,824
EXPENDITURES General Government Township Board			
Salaries and Wages		20,630	
Miscellaneous		801	
	23,564	21,431	2,133
Supervisor			
Salaries and Wages		11,825	
Education and Training		876	
Miscellaneous		717	
	13,494	13,418	76
Clerk			
Salaries and Wages		12,076	
Transportation		383	
Miscellaneous		223	
	14,824	12,682	2,142

# Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in fund Balance - General Fund (continued)

Treasurer				
Salaries and Wages		\$	13,961	
Transportation			499	
Miscellaneous			135	
	\$ 16,050		14,595	\$ 1,455
Assessor and Board of Review				
Salaries and Wages			255	
Professional Services			21,080	
	26,350		21,335	5,015
Elections				
Salaries and Wages			2,540	
Supplies			331	
Education and Training			242	
Miscellaneous			259	
	5,200		3,372	1,828
Township Hall and Grounds				
Salaries and Wages			18,649	
Supplies			4,177	
Transportation			89	
Repairs and Maintenance			5,764	
Contracted Services			2,453	
Utilities			11,278	
Miscellaneous			1,676 3,565	
Capital Outlay  Debt Service			3,363 1,375	
Debt Service		-		
	77,842		49,026	28,816
Cemetery				
Salaries and Wages			16,705	
Supplies and Repairs			714	
Contracted Services			3,789	
Utilities			254	
Fuel & Oil			1,928	
Miscellaneous			99	
Capital Outlay			36,250	
Debt Service			701	
	140,085		60,440	79,645

# Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in fund Balance - General Fund (continued)

General Government Payroll Taxes Pension Administration Professional Services Contracted Services		\$ 3,908 3,579 6,059 15,140 1,375	
Printing & Publishing		1,472	
Insurance & Bonds		13,742	
Dues		1,399	
Miscellaneous		3,788	
	\$ 58,000	50,462	\$ 7,538
Total General Government	375,409	246,761	128,648
Public Safety			
Building Inspection		0.140	
Professional Services Miscellaneous		8,149 190	
Miscendieous	17.000		
	15,000	8,339	6,661
Electrical Inspection			
Professional Services		3,621	
Miscellaneous		241	
	4,500	3,862	638
Mechanical Inspection			
Professional Services		1,552	
Miscellaneous		93	
	3,500	1,645	1,855
Plumbing Inspection			
Professional Services		941	
Miscellaneous		93	
	4,000	1,034	2,966
Rental Administration			
Professional Services		78	
Transportation		 175	
	500	253	247

# Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in fund Balance - General Fund (continued)

Ordinance Administration/Enforcer Salaries and Wages Transportation		\$ 4,390 236	
•	\$ 5,140	4,626	\$ 514
Total Public Safety	32,640	19,759	12,881
Public Works			
Transfer Station			
Salaries and Wages		3,233	
Contracted Services		28,829	
Miscellaneous		180	
Capital Outlay		4,770	
	35,928	37,012	(1,084)
Roads, Sidewalks, and Bridges	30,000	-	30,000
County Drains	500	400	100
Total Public Works	66,428	37,412	29,016
Community/Economic Development			
Planning Commission			
Salaries and Wages		2,909	
Miscellaneous		596	
	12,330	3,505	8,825
Zoning Administration			
Salaries and Wages		3,976	
Transportation		50	
Miscellaneous		136	
	5,140	4,162	978
Board of Appeals	670		670
Total Community/Econ. Development	18,140	7,667	10,473

# Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in fund Balance - General Fund (continued)

Fund Balance - June 30, 2007

Recreation and Cultural			
Parks			
Miscellaneous		\$ 564	
Capital Outlay		21,723	
	\$ 46,700	22,287	\$ 24,413
Library			
Professional Services		1,110	
Utilities		1,714	
Miscellaneous		338	
	10,700	3,162	7,538
Total Recreation and Cultural	57,400	25,449	31,951
Total Expenditures	550,017	337,048	212,969
Excess Revenues Over			
(Under) Expenditures	(195,667)	23,126	218,793
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Operating Transfers Out	(25,000)		25,000
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(25,000)		25,000
Excess Revenues and Sources Over			
(Under) Expenditures and Uses	(220,667)	23,126	243,793
Fund Balance - July 1, 2006	449,231	449,231	

\$ 228,564

\$ 472,357

243,793

# H&S Companies

Hendon & Slate, PC Certified Public Accountants Business Consultants

Board Members Holton Township Holton, MI 49425

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Holton Township as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007 in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered Holton Township's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Holton Township's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be significant deficiencies and other deficiencies that we consider to be material weaknesses.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affect the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. We consider the following deficiency to be a significant deficiency in internal control.

#### **Financial Statement Preparation**

The management of Holton Township lacks the training to prepare financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. We believe that the following deficiency constitutes a material weakness.

#### **Financial Statement Misstatements**

Holton Township's internal controls did not identify material misstatements in the financial statements.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,

Hendon & Slate, P.C.

Hendon & Slate

Certified Public Accountants

October 31, 2007



Hendon & Slate, PC Certified Public Accountants Business Consultants

October 31, 2007

Township Board Holton Township P.O. Box 328 Holton, MI 49425

#### Dear Board Members:

We have audited the financial statements of Holton Township as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007 and issued our report thereon dated October 31, 2007 As a part of our audit, we studied and evaluated the Township's accounting and administrative controls as well as compliance with laws having a bearing on the fair presentation of your financial statements. Because this study was only part of the overall audit plan, it is not intended to be a complete review of all your accounting procedures; and, therefore, would not necessarily disclose all weaknesses in your system. Accordingly, we offer the following comments and recommendations:

#### **Books and Records**

The books and records were in good shape. The clerk and treasurer are doing a great job working together to ensure items are being posted correctly. We have a few comments and recommendations related to such.

#### Cash Balances

Last year we reported that cash balances per fund reported in QuickBooks did not reflect the actual cash balances per fund. The main cause of this was that interest, payroll taxes, and pension expenses were not being separated properly to the appropriate funds. We are happy to report this issue has been corrected and that the clerk and treasurer did a great job to ensure QuickBooks had the proper cash balance breakdown per fund.

#### **Transfer Station**

Transfer station revenues and expenditures increased over the prior year 33% and 10% respectively, which decreased the annual loss to \$12,354. It has been the intent of Holton Township to provide this service even though the transfer station's revenues do not cover expenditures.

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#### **Chart of Accounts**

Again this year we noted some minor differences between the Township's Chart of Accounts and the Michigan Department of Treasury Uniform Chart of Accounts for Counties and Local Units of Government. We recommend the Township review its chart of accounts and insure it complies with the chart of accounts required by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

#### **Budgeting**

Although it is getting closer the budget is still not in compliance with the Michigan Department of Treasury guidelines. Currently the budget includes all funds (except for fire, fire equipment and fire volunteer) in one budget. Each fund is required to have its own budget with revenues and expenditures listed separately. We recommend the township follow the guidelines as established by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

It has been a pleasure working with Holton Township and the courtesy extended to us. If you have any questions or would like help implementing any of the above procedures, please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,

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